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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE 2,100 IN SEPTEMBER TO 394,700

Employment in Rhode Island rose 2,100 from August to September. Although both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing sectors shared this monthly increase, the overall jobs gain was less than has occurred during this period in recent years, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate 394,700 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-September. While this represents an increase over the August employment total, on an annual comparison, the September job figure remained 13,000 below the year ago employment level of 407,700.

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing employment in mid-September increased to 275,900 – up 1,200 jobs over the month, but 3,500 below last year's total. The largest monthly gain was recorded in the Services sector (+700), mostly attributable to the rehiring of student workers in private educational facilities. The current Services total is 800 jobs above the year ago figure. Employment gains in General Merchandise establishments increased Wholesale and Retail Trade by 500 workers in September to 79,900, still, however, 3,300 below the September, 1981 total. Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities recorded a monthly increase of 400 jobs to 13,500 – mostly school bus drivers returning to work after the summer vacation – and was up 200 compared to a year ago. Monthly losses were recorded in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate and Contract Construction (-100 each). The former was up 100

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EMPLOYERS! TAX CREDIT PROGRAM EXTENDED FOR TWO MORE YEARS

The Federal Congress has extended the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program for an additional two years and certifications can be made for persons beginning work by December 31, 1984. Since 1979 TJTC has offered employers tax credits to hire certain targeted groups of workers, thus expanding their workforce in a cost-effective way. The extension provides an added incentive to employers to participate in the TJTC program as well as an additional advantage to those job-applicants who experience the most difficulty in finding jobs.

The tax credit is 50% of the first-year wages up to $6,000 per employee and 25% of the second-year wages up to $6,000. This means a maximum allowable credit of $3,000 per employee in the first year and $1,500 in the second year.

Currently there are nine targeted groups of workers from which employers can hire and earn the tax credit. One group – former CETA/Public Service employees – will be eliminated on December 31, 1982. A new group – Economically Disadvantaged Summer Youth employees – will be added after April 30, 1983.

The Department of Employment Security is the "vouchering" agency for all target groups. Requests for certification must be post-marked by the employer on or before the day the individual begins work.

For more information on the TJTC program contact the nearest office of the R. I. Job Service or call 277-3726. To list your TJTC job orders, call 277-6950.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND
JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.....245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway.....277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue.....847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.....722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services.....277-3573
Jewelry.....277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction.....277-3556
Professional & Clerical.....277-3584
Temporary Help.....277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road.....294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.....231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't.Center
Tower Hill Road.....789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road.....737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street.....596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.....828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.....762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS
JOB BANK.....277-3588
or.....Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information.....277-3726
TJTC Job Orders.....277-6950
Call-A-Teen.....277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981
Total Placements	2,906	2,536	2,081
New Applications	5,421	4,964	4,991
New Openings Received	3,690	3,477	2,436

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	% Change Aug.1982
Initial Claims	11,349	11,392	- 0.4
No. of Payments	76,299	93,189	- 18.1
Amt. of Payments	$7,783,918	$9,395,689	- 17.2
Exhaustions	1,784	1,930	- 7.6

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	% Change Aug.1982
Initial Claims	2,120	2,067	+ 2.6
No. of Payments	19,434	21,418	- 9.3
Amount of Payments	$2,078,231	$2,391,832	- 13.1

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

On September 12, 1982, Federal Supplemental Compensation, a federally financed benefit program, went into effect. This program extends benefit eligibility for up to 10 weeks, to eligible claimants who have exhausted all rights to regular and extended benefits. Statistics for this program are presented below:

	Sept. 1982
Initial Claims	5,159
No. of Payments	4,902
Amount of Payments	$577,674

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	484.2	486.1	482.4
Unemployment	41.8	46.2	33.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.6	9.5	6.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	9.3	9.1	7.6

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	478.4	470.6	477.0
Unemployment	47.6	52.2	38.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.9	11.1	8.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	INA	INA	INA

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	34,970	34,830	33,435
Unemployment	1,860	1,860	1,935
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	5.3	5.8

Westerly Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1982	July 1982	Aug. 1981
Civilian Labor Force	16,000	15,785	15,645
Unemployment	975	1,090	1,100
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.1	6.9	7.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 16-20, 1982

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	23,055	100.0
Men	10,186	44.2
Under 45	7,293	71.6
45 and over	2,893	28.4
Women	12,869	55.8
Under 45	7,639	59.4
45 and over	5,230	40.6
Industry Attachment		
Construction	1,190	5.2
Manufacturing	9,078	39.4
Public Utilities	775	3.4
Wholesale and Retail	3,639	15.8
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	484	2.1
Service	4,650	20.2
All Other	3,239	14.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. & Managerial	3,542	15.4
Clerical & Sales	4,194	18.2
Service	2,560	11.1
Fishery,Forestry & Rel.	125	0.5
Processing	1,162	5.0
Machine Trades	2,463	10.7
Bench Work	3,653	15.8
Structural Work	1,619	7.0
Miscellaneous	1,785	7.7
INA	1,952	8.5

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM			
	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981		Aug. 1982		Sept. 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	394.7	392.6	407.7	+	2100	-	13,000
MANUFACTURING	118.8	117.9	128.3	+	900	-	9,500
NONMANUFACTURING	275.9	274.7	279.4	+	1200	-	3,500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.5	12.6	12.9	-	100	-	400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.5	13.1	13.3	+	400	+	200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.9	79.4	83.2	+	500	-	3,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.2	21.3	21.1	-	100	+	100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	91.2	90.5	90.4	+	700	+	800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.6	57.8	58.5	-	200	-	900

1982 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1981 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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***Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.**

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT						PRODUCTION—WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From			Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sept. 1981	Aug. 1982		Sept. 1981	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1981	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.8	117.9	128.3	+ 900	-	9500	$252.22	$242.48	38.1	39.3	$6.62	$6.17
DURABLE GOODS	51.5	51.4	55.8	+ 100	-	4300	283.63	272.63	38.8	39.8	7.31	6.85
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+	300	230.44	248.20	33.3	36.5	6.92	6.80
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.6	0	-	400	216.71	288.48	26.3	39.9	8.24	7.23
PRIMARY METALS	6.8	6.9	7.9*	- 100	-	1100	306.55	302.16	42.4	44.5	7.23	6.79
FABRICATED METALS	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	-	300	243.46	231.57	39.0	37.9	6.24	6.11
NON ELEC.MACHINERY	6.8*	6.8*	8.8	0	-	2000	335.92	317.16	38.7	40.3	8.68	7.87
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.3	10.2	11.1	+ 100	-	800	247.30	231.00	38.4	37.5	6.44	6.16
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.2	8.1	7.6	+ 100	+	600	356.01	313.29	41.3	40.9	8.62	7.66
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	5.4	0	-	600	269.50	255.82	39.4	39.6	6.84	6.46
NONDURABLE GOODS	67.3	66.5	72.5	+ 800	-	5200	229.36	220.95	37.6	38.9	6.10	5.68
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	+	300	263.66	238.75	40.5	38.2	6.51	6.25
TEXTILES	11.2	11.2	12.4	0	-	1200	236.57	223.56	41.0	41.4	5.77	5.40
APPAREL	3.0	3.1	4.0	- 100	-	1000	204.44	216.00	38.5	41.3	5.31	5.23
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.4	2.9	+ 100	-	400	245.37	231.87	41.1	39.3	5.97	5.90
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	-	100	363.30	298.32	37.3	38.1	9.74	7.83
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.2	3.2	- 200	-	200	342.52	327.98	39.1	39.9	8.76	8.22
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+	200	277.46	242.48	39.3	39.3	7.06	6.17
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	4.7	5.3	+ 200	-	400	263.74	234.62	39.9	39.3	6.61	5.97
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.6	3.2	0	-	600	177.75	169.65	37.5	37.7	4.74	4.50
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.9	23.0	25.4	+ 900	-	1500	208.82	195.90	39.4	37.6	5.30	5.21
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	5.8	6.0	- 100	-	300	168.58	207.94	27.5	37.4	6.13	5.56

1981 Figures Revised. 1982 Figures are preliminary. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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compared to a year ago, while the latter was down 400 workers from last September.

The Government sector declined 200 in employment during the month and was 900 below the September, 1981 employment level. Losses in Federal, State and Local Municipal Governments more than offset a gain in local education employment.

MANUFACTURING

Overall manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 900 jobs in September to a total of 118,800. Even with this increase, however, the current figure remains 9,500 below that reported one year ago.

Employment in the Durable Goods sector totalled 51,500, up 100 from August but down 4,300 from September, 1981. Within this group, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment both gained 100 workers over the month, while Primary Metals declined 100 jobs from the August level. The remaining Durable Goods industries reported no monthly change in their employment levels. On an annual comparison, Nonelectric Machinery, where a continuing labor dispute is a major factor, showed the greatest decline (-2,000), followed by Primary Metals (-1,100) and Electrical Machinery (-800). Also down from last September were Instruments (-600) and Stone-Clay-Glass (-400). Reporting increases over their year ago levels were Lumber/Furniture (+300) and Transportation Equipment (+600).

In the Nondurable Goods producing industries, overall employment rose 800 from the August level to a total of 67,300, still, however, 5,200 below the September, 1981 figure. The largest monthly gain occurred in Jewelry-Silverware which gained 900 workers during the period. Also posting monthly increases were Plastics Products (+200) and Paper Products (+100). Employment declines of 100 workers were reported in both the Apparel and Miscellaneous Manufacturing categories and Chemical Products dropped by 200, while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries maintained their employment levels during the period. Compared to September of last year, Jewelry-Silverware showed the largest annual drop (-1,500), closely followed by Textiles (-1,200) and Apparel (-1,000). Also showing losses over the year were Leather Products (-600), Paper and Plastics Products (-400 each), Chemical Products (-200) and Printing-Publishing (-100). Over-the-year gains in this sector occurred in Food-Beverage (+300) and Rubber Products (+200).

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers lost 6 cents over the month to $6.62 an hour but was 45 cents higher than in September, 1981. Average weekly hours worked were up by 0.5 hours in the month but down by 1.2 hours compared to a year ago. The average weekly earnings for these production workers increased $1.05 over the month to $252.22 a week — up $9.74 from last September.

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